Not to be outdone by other small nations, the Irish now claim their freedom and have set up a republic. They also have chosen Count Plunkett and Professor Edwin De Valera as delegates to the peace council. The photograph shows a great gathering of men and women in the capital of Ireland, who demand freedom for their oppressed country.

Palmer Named for New Attorney Gen.

Attorney-General Gregory gave notice that he wished to retire from that office March 4. President Wilson thereupo usent to the senate the nomination of A. Mitchell Palmer of Pennsylvania to be attorney-general.

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Fireside Talks

With Members of the Newspaper Bible Class

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been the U. S. custodian of Allen Property. As such he has seized and sold at public auction German-owned factories and industries in this country worth hundreds of millions of dollars. In many cases, he says, these German-owned plants were hotbeds of sedition ad treason, deliberately tryin gto defeat the country and government that had sheltered them. The government, he says, will, after the war, account to the former owners for the money received from the sale of their properties, but the industries themselves are lost to Germany and Germans forever.

MANY CAN'T READ OR WRITE.

Figures taken from the draft papers, and just made public by the Surgeon-General's office, seem to show that one-fourth of the men in the United States, of military age, can read and write in any language. But one encouraging point is bounded to the country and the men who, can read in English also. That great weakness the argument that foreign-language newspapers are necessary to inform the foreign-born.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR MARCH 16, 1919—"THE CITIES OF REFUGE."

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Golden Text: "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain merciful: for they

It is horrible and humiliating to read of the way in which the military and other offenders have been treated during the present war. Read in "The Survey" for Feb. 1, the article on "Disciplinary Barracks" which is the personal experience of a military prisoner at Fort Leavenment as recorded. worth. Such treatment as recorded there is unworthy any civilization, let alone that of a great nation like the United States. There must be reforms or there will be revolution. Prison conditions in many cities are equally bad and need attention.

II. Mercy.

What is mercy? When is it to be shown? How often we must listen to Ian MacLaren's splendid sentence, "Be pitiful, for every man is fighting a hard battle." So long as we permit conditions which almost necessitate crime, we shall be responsible for showing adequate mercy along with our so-called justice. sponsible for showing adequate mercy along with our so-called justice. Visit the reformatories and prisons in your neighborhood and see what you think about that matter. The number of homicides in the United States far exceeds that of all other civilized countries in the world according to Dr. Hoskins of Syria. Writing ten years ago he says: "The most appalling feature of the situation is the fact that 98% of such criminals escape adequate punishcriminals escape adequate punish-ment. The common prison has be-come a temporary City of Refuge for wilful murderers, thus reversing this most merciful provision of primitive society."

Let us remember Him who said: "I was in prison and ye came unto me." How many Christian people have visited any prison? How many of them tried to discover the causes which send men and women there? Now that we have put the saloon out of business with much of its invitation to crime, let us face other causes and seek to correct them to-day.

MR. TAFT FOR THE LEAGUE.

Ex-President Taft urges organized labor and the women voters to stand solidly behind the League plan. It alone, he said, ca nstop the spread of Bolshevism and avert future wars. This was at the League of Nations Congress at St. Louis. Resolutions favoring the League plan were adopted.

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Report was received from Rome that the Right Rev. Patrick Joseph Hayes, auxiliary bishop of the Roman Catholic archdiocese of New York. has been named Archbishop of New York. It is believed that when Archbishop Bonaventure Cerretti, Under Secretary of State to Pope Benedict XV., arrived in the United States several weeks ago he carried Bishop Hayes' appointment with him.